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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 2/6

COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

(Effective 18 May 1976)

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, Executive Order 11905 and National Security Council Intelligence Directives, a Committee on Exchanges (COMEX) is hereby established as a standing Director of Central Intelligence Committee with the following mission and functions.

1. Mission

The mission of the Committee on Exchanges, under the general guidance of the Director of Central Intelligence, is to ensure coordination of Intelligence Community interests in US Government official exchanges and bilateral cooperative agreements ("exchanges"), and in commercial visits and other related activities ("commercial contacts") with nations designated by the Department of State.

2. Functions

The functions of the committee are:

- a. To advise the Department of State and other elements of the US Government through the Department of State, as requested and appropriate, on all foreign intelligence considerations, exclusive of internal security, concerned with exchanges and commercial contacts. The advice may include evaluation of the probable technical gain or loss from a specific proposed, ongoing or contemplated exchange; and judgments on the relative state-of-the-art of a specific, potentially sensitive technology involved in a commercial contact.
- b. To propose additional exchanges or amendments to existing exchange topics that may contribute to the satisfaction of the foreign intelligence objectives and priorities established by the Director of Central Intelligence.
- c. To ensure adequate response to the foreign intelligence collection opportunities afforded by exchanges and commercial contacts.
- d. To make recommendations on foreign intelligence aspects of exchanges and commercial contacts.
- e. To serve as the focal point for action on the foreign intelligence aspects of exchanges and commercial contacts. Upon the advice of a member, recommend itineraries; arrange for briefings of US exchange participants; and alert appropriate committee members to specific commercial contacts, including the provision of visitors' names and itineraries.
- f. To serve as the communication channel between the Department of State and committee member organizations for all intelligence opinions, and for

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Department of Defense security opinions where exchanges or commercial contacts may affect contractor facilities.

3. *Intelligence Community responsibilities*

a. Upon request of the committee chairman, Intelligence Community organizations shall furnish to the committee within established security safeguards particular information or materials needed by the committee and pertinent to its functions.

b. Intelligence Community organizations shall advise the committee chairman of their foreign intelligence interests and/or actions contemplated which may affect the Department of State, the committee or other components of the Intelligence Community carrying on activities based on the foreign intelligence collection opportunities afforded by exchanges or commercial contacts.

4. *Composition, organization and rules of procedure*

The composition, organization and rules of procedure of the Committee on Exchanges are those stated in DCID 1/3.

George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence

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